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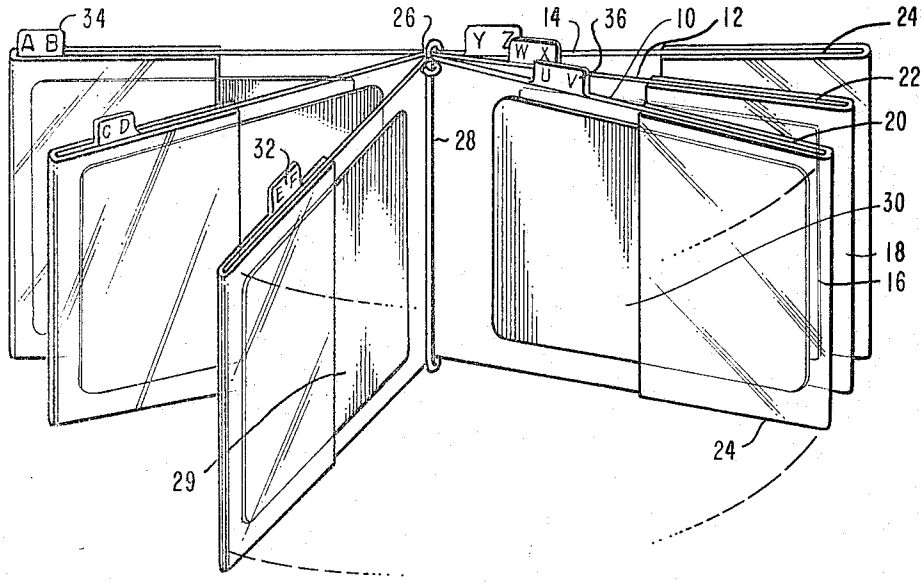


FIG. 1

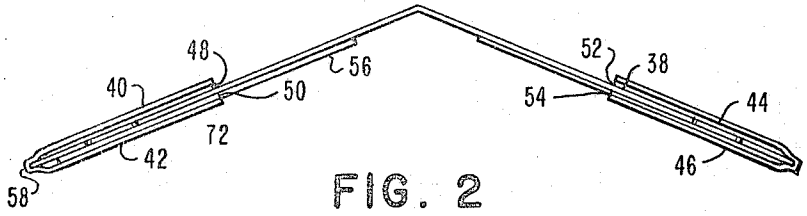


FIG. 2

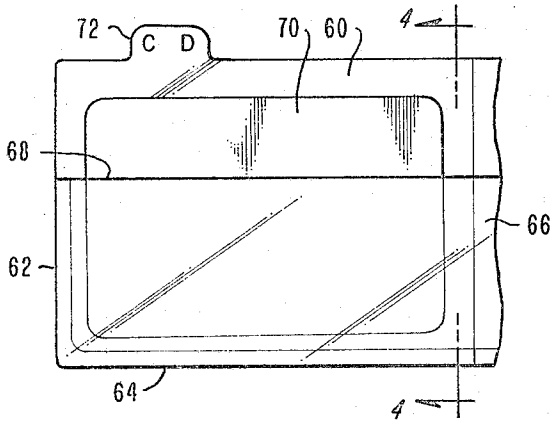


FIG. 3

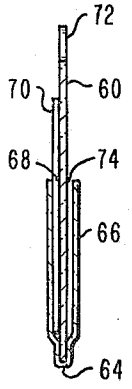


FIG. 4

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This invention relates to an insert for a wallet, adapted to hold a plurality of credit cards, licenses, or other identification cards.

While many wallet inserts for credit cards and other types of credit card holders exist, there is difficulty with these inserts in that the credit card or identification card cannot be easily removed from the individual card holder or window pocket. This often causes splitting or cracking of the card window.

In addition the problem exists that the user must search through the plurality of holders to find the particular credit card or identification card which he is then seeking.

It is the object of the present invention to provide a wallet insert capable of holding a plurality of credit cards which may be easily withdrawn from individual card holders.

It is the further object of this invention to provide a wallet insert in which a particular card may be located at a glance.

It is still a further object of this invention to provide a wallet insert which is formed from a thin light-weight pliable transparent plastic material wherein a particular card may be easily located, quickly removed, without causing splitting of the card window.

These and other objects will be apparent from the following description and the accompanying drawing in which:

FIG. 1 is a perspective view showing the wallet insert of the present invention,

FIG. 2 is a plan view showing a single card holder of the present invention,

FIG. 3 is a partially broken away front elevational view of a single card holder of the present invention,

FIG. 4 is a cross sectional view taken on lines 4—4 of FIG. 3 of the present invention.

Referring now to the drawings, FIG. 1 shows a plurality of window pockets comprising a face member, rectangular center members **10**, **12** and **14**, which may be made of any suitable plastic material which is thin, light-weight, transparent and pliable.

The window pocket is formed by an overlapping member **16**, **18** which is sealed along the outer edges such as **20**, **22** and **24**, to rectangular center member **10**, **12**, **14**. Said overlapping member **16**, **18** is sealed preferably by heat, however, other sealing methods such as stitching can be used. An overlapping member, such as **16**, is sealed to both sides of a center rectangular member such as **10**, so that a pocket adapted to receive a credit card **29** or **30** is formed on both sides of said center rectangular member.

The overlapping member such as **16** is adapted to cover only a portion of the face of the center rectangular member such as **10**. Preferably not more than three-fourths of such face is covered and in fact only one-half is most desirable, so that a portion of the credit card is exposed from the pocket formed by the overlapping member and the center rectangular member allowing easy removability of the credit card from said pocket.

As shown in FIG. 1 the center rectangular member such as **10** is adapted to be folded at the middle **26** around a transverse binder **28**, over which the window pockets may be folded in half as would be done in a foldable wallet. In this manner four separate window pockets are

constructed on a single center rectangular member such as **10**. It may, of course, be seen that said rectangular center member need not be made foldable at the middle, and that applicant's invention may be adapted to wallets and credit card holders of other shapes such as those which do not fold.

Provided on each face of said rectangular members **10**, **12**, **14** is a tab **32**, **34**, **36**, which is adapted to contain an indicator such as an alphabetical listing allowing the user to easily arrange his credit or identification cards for easy access.

FIG. 2 shows a rectangular center member **38** with overlapping members **40**, **42**, **44** and **46** forming pockets **48**, **50**, **52** and **54**, for insertion of a credit card such as **56**. It may be seen that pockets **48** and **50** may be formed by overlapping a single rectangular member **40–42** around the edge **58** of center rectangular member **38** and heat sealing edge **58** as well as the upper and lower edges such as **20**, **24** of FIG. 1 to form pockets **48** and **50**. However, if desired, two separate overlapping portions such as **40**, **42** could be used to form pockets **48** and **50**.

FIG. 3 shows a partially broken away view of a credit card window of the present invention in which there is shown a center rectangular member **60** to which is heat sealed at edges **62** and **64** an overlapping member **66**. Said overlapping member **66** forms a pocket **68** for insertion of a credit card or identification card **70**. It is noted that in FIG. 3 a horizontal pocket is formed as compared to a vertical pocket formed in FIG. 1. Whether the pocket is formed vertically or horizontally is a matter of choice as long as only a portion of the center rectangular member is covered.

Center rectangular member **60** contains index tab **72** for easy location of a particular credit card.

FIG. 4 is a cross sectional view taken on lines 4—4 of FIG. 3 showing center rectangular member **60** containing index tab **72**. Overlapping portion **66** is shown heat sealed at edge **64** to center rectangular member **60** to form pockets **68** and **74** in which a credit card such as **70** is placed.

The number of window pockets in a particular holder is controlled only by the resulting thickness desired. As shown in the drawings the wallet insert may be filled with credit cards or identification cards and fitted into the proper compartment of the ordinary wallet.

When the user wishes to obtain a certain card he opens the wallet and he can easily locate the proper window with his index tab and pull the card from the window by the exposed portion of the card.

Although preferred embodiments of the invention have been described and illustrated, various modifications of the described embodiments may be made by those skilled in the art without departing from the scope of the invention as defined by the appended claim.

We claim:

A wallet insert for holding and displaying a plurality of credit cards or the like, said insert comprising:

at least one rectangular member defined by a first pair of spaced parallel peripheral edges and a second pair of spaced parallel peripheral edges, said first and second pairs being disposed in substantially perpendicular relation with each other;

tab means extending integrally from one of said edges for carrying indicia thereupon;

at least one sheet of transparent plastic material being interfolded to form card holding pockets;

said sheet being centrally folded in half, with said central fold line portion being disposed in abutting contact with one of said edges of said first pair, and with said sheet halfs extending on opposite sides of said member to substantially the center thereof;

said sheet further including side edge portions extend-

ing along at least one of said edges of said second pair;

said side edge portions being heat sealed to said edge of said second pair to thereby convert the same into a pocket having an opening between said first pair of edges;

said insert being operative to hold a credit card which can be introduced into said pocket by digitally directing the same between said member and a sheet half and pushing the same toward said fold line.

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